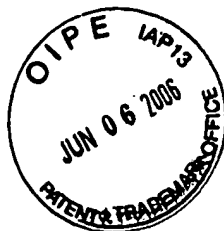


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In re the Application of:

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June 6, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006 having been duly extended from May 10, 2006, until June 10, 2006, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

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